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Sunday, August 15, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

Bethlehem Safe Indoor Worship Guidelines

- Masks = You decide what's best for you, your loved ones and those around you.
- Remain 6 feet apart from members outside of your family
- The congregation will refrain from singing (Humming is permitted)
- An offering plate will be available in a central location
- Please wait for an usher to dismiss you after the service.
- For those who wish to congregate, you are asked to do so outside
- Please stay home if you or a member of your family is not feeling well.
- Scrip will be available for purchase on the first and third Sundays. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "This Is My Fathers World" Piano Duet – Kathy and Polly

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Be anxious about nothing,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God which transcends understanding,

I will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.- Philippians 4:6-7

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.—Psalm 9:1–2

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we thank You that You are our God and Father, and You alone are worthy of all our honor and praise because You have picked us up out of the miry clay and set our feet upon the Rock of our Salvation, who is Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank You that You have the words of eternal life and thank You for Your precious promise.. that nothing in heaven or on earth is able to separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. You alone are worthy of our allegiance and love and we praise You, that we may rest securely in Your arms, knowing that You have the word of eternal life.

Lord as we navigate through this world of sin, thank You that You have promised to be with us, no matter what difficulties and dangers may cross our paths. Keep us we pray, from all perils, problems and persecutions that we may encounter and may we remain firm to the end and enabled to persevere in the midst of all our trials. Thank You that there is no situation in life that is outside of Your jurisdiction and that You have every circumstance covered by Your sufficient grace. Lord as we steer our path through this sin-sick world may we keep our confidence in You and place every need into Your hands, knowing that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world – we ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen

SONG #38 “O God our Help in Ages Past” (no singing, please)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

I Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

SPECIAL MUSIC “How Majestic is Your Name” Piano/Keyboard – Kathy and Polly

SERMON “Peter’s Response to Covid-19 delta variant “

SONG #386 “His Eye is on the Sparrow” (no singing, please)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER...THE LORD’S PRAYER

Each petition ends with: Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” Piano/Keyboard – Kathy and Polly

(Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers. Thank you.)

DON’T FORGET TO GRAB A NOTE OFF THE GIVING TREE AS YOU LEAVE!

Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

Families who have lost loved ones:

Shirley Kanzelberger

Those struggling with health issues:

Marilyn Hanke

Robert Cwiertniak (Mathes’ son-in-law)

Casey Litz (Cousin of Bonnie Zorn)

Everett Henning

Warren Fidlin

Mother of Dawn Wirtz

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Mike Mathes

Tom Brickbauer

Macullen Schnell

Jane Markelz

Dale Horneck

Olivia Marie

Jessica Horneck

Those unable to worship with us: Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

Other concerns:

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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**AUGUST'S JINGLE CHANGE OFFERING SUPPORTS BETHLEHEM'S
PLEDGE TO OCWM (OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan a visit to our homebound members! Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

- The Annual Bethlehem Church Rummage Sale will be held in the church garage on August 20-21. Help is needed with clean-up, and sales. (times are on the calendar below.
- ***Please see the signup sheets in the fellowship hall or email to kayerad@hotmail.com or call (920) 894-7229 if you can spare even an hour to help.***

Save the date:

Sept 12: First day of Sunday School

Sept 19: Mission Sunday

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, Sept. 19 – “Faith in the Fall” music festival – Our Shepherd UCC, Howards Grove – 10am-2pm – see flyer



This Week at Bethlehem:

Today, Sunday 8/15: 8:30a Bethlehem Ladies; 9:30a Worship;

Monday 8/16:

Tuesday 8/17: *Happy Birthday Cooper Tesch!*

Wednesday 8/18: ****SPIRIT NEWS DUE****

Thursday 8/19: *Happy Birthday Ian Schmidt!*

Friday 8/20: 8a-5p BUCC Rummage Sale; *Happy Birthday Rachel Muehlbauer and Tess Rabe!*
Happy Anniversary David & Julie Meyer!

Saturday 8/21: 8a-12p BUCC Rummage Sale; 12-1pm Cleanup

Sunday 8/22: 9:30a Worship;

Pantry item: Jar of peanut butter or jelly